

THE WIFE OF THE GREAT SHOW-MAN.

In appearance she is a trifle under medium height, with a figure slightly inclined to matronly stoutness, which she carries with an erectness and poise gained from long years of physical culture. Her complexion is English in its purity and beauty, her hair dark and her eyes gray. She possesses also "that excellent thing in woman," a voice purely English in its sweetness and tone.

Mrs. Barnum's pet hobby—at least, so says her husband, laughingly indulgent in her indefatigable pursuit of bric-a-brac, and most beautiful examples of her success in this pursuit, with the numerous mementoes of its master's varied career, make of "Marina" a home worth the having. It is the family home during most of the year, though a part of each winter is spent in New York for the purpose of attending the opera and the theatres, of which both husband and wife are equally fond, and occasional visits are paid elsewhere.

Mrs. Barnum possesses to an unusual degree a liking for society and entertaining which makes of her the most delightful of hostesses. Her dinners are models, the easy grace and cordial hospitality of their hostess adding much to their enjoyment. Herself a brilliant conversationalist, she attracts, in turn, people of unusual intellect and brilliancy, and her most honored guests are apt to be either literary or musical people as these she finds more especially congenial. For Mrs. Barnum, though modestly confessing only to a great liking for music, is a musician of some skill, and though no persuasion has as yet induced her to write over her own name, she is an able and fluent writer. She proves a most valuable and efficient aid to her husband in his numerous charities, such assistance as she renders being given anonymously or under cover of Mr. Barnum's name.—*The Ladies' Home Journal.*

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He wants to see the genius of man directed to the development of the country's resources.

He wants to see class legislation abolished.

He wants to see all men successful who are engaged in the pursuit of legitimate enterprise.

He wants to see this republic "a government of the people, for the people, and by the people."—*Reformer.*

CONCERNING THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

There have been an unusually great number of sightseers at the Capitol during the past week. Country visitors to town, and numerous blushing brides and grooms have tramped about the corridors. The most popular room with visitors in the whole capitol building is what is known as the Vice-President's room. It is in the Senate wing at the east end of the private lobby running along the north side of the Senate chamber. The room is now the private office of President pro tempore Ingalls. At the other end of the lobby is situated the President's room. The two are in striking contrast. The latter is furnished in bright red, and the room of the Vice-President in dark green. The President's room serves no purpose whatever, except to give sightseers a chance to look at something gorgeous. It glitters with gilt and glass and bright carpets and frescoing, but as it is not in use it has no fire in the grate, and its general appearance is cold and uninviting. President Ingalls' room, however, is as pretty and attractive as a lady's parlor. It is occupied now by the Senator's son, who is his private secretary. A big coal fire blazes up in the brightly burnished hearth, and there is an air of warmth and luxury about the entire room. On the wall hangs an original oil painting of George Washington, and through the doorway of a small adjoining room can be caught a glimpse of a small gilt framed looking-glass, which was purchased by John Adams. He paid \$18 for it, and some of his contemporaries were inclined to criticize him for his extravagance.

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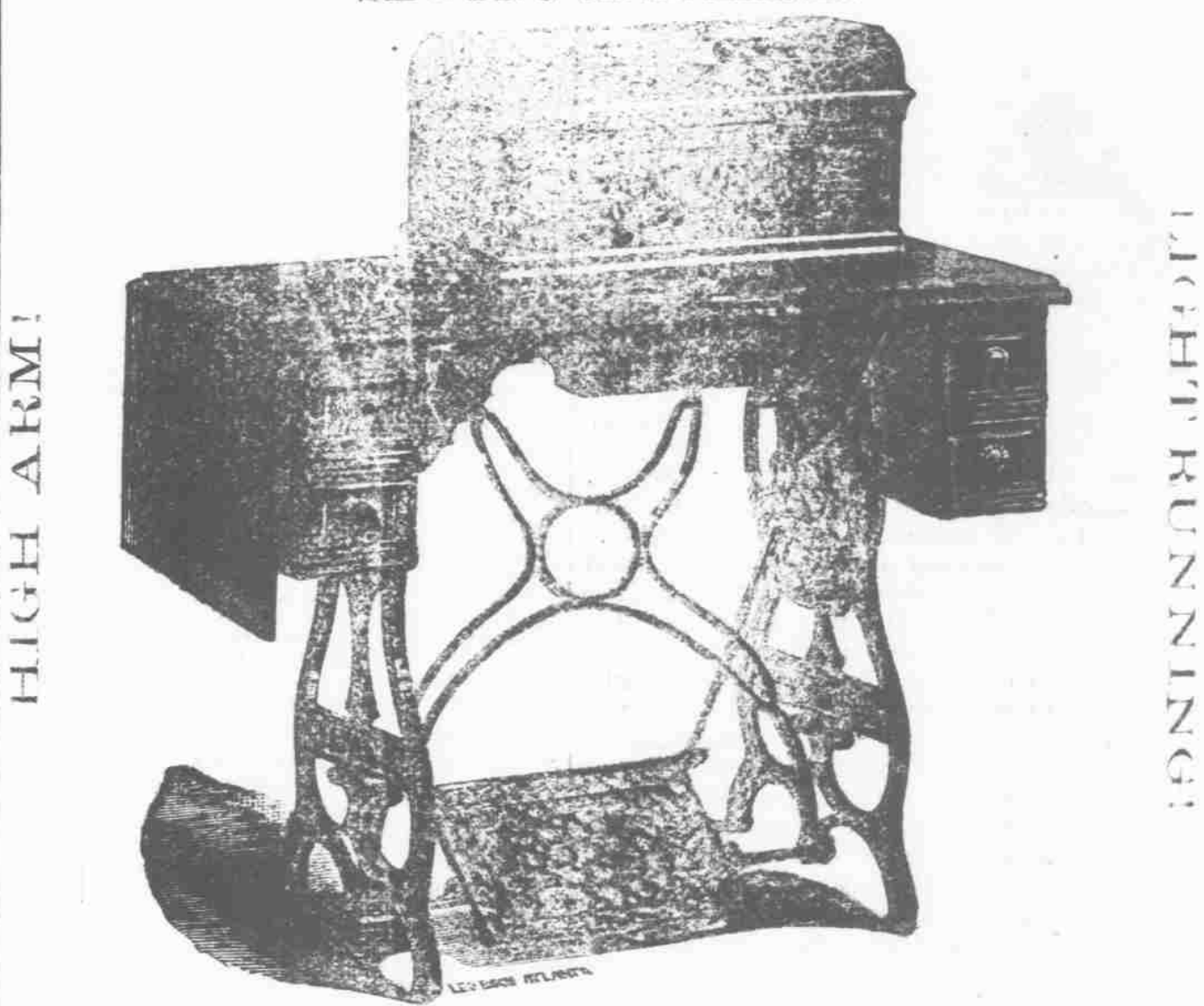
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